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EDUCATION TO POOR AND MARGINALISED CLASSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has any scheme to ensure dissemination of education among the poor and marginalised classes, to meet the rising necessities of economy and to encourage human rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken to formulate such scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission(UGC) has schemes for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) and minority communities. The schemes include scholarships and fellowships for SC/ST students, establishment of SC and ST Cells in universities, remedial coaching classes at under-graduate and post-graduate level for SCs and STsin universities and colleges, coaching classes for SC/ST students for entry in services, establishment of centers in universities for study of social exclusion and inclusive policy, coaching classes for the weaker sections among educationally backward minority communities in universities and colleges. In order to encourage human rights, UGC has schemes of epoch making social thinkers of India (special studies) and human rights and values in education.